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# Safe Routes to School sidewalk project on Moonlight Road in Gardner to begin Sept. 1

A sidewalk improvement project on Moonlight Road in Gardner is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, weather permitting.

This Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and City of Gardner project, near Moonlight Elementary School and Trail Ridge Middle School, from Warren Street to White Drive, extending to Woodson Lane, is part of the state and federal Safe Routes to Schools initiative and will include new pedestrian and bicycle paths.

The Kansas Safe Routes to School program enhances infrastructure and includes ways for both school children and community members to promote safety while walking and bicycling and aims to reduce motorist traffic around local schools to make daily pedestrian and bike travel more accessible.

There will be intermittent lane closures on Moonlight Road and adjacent neighborhood streets during off-peak driving hours. Traffic will be controlled using portable message signs, arrow boards, signage and traffic cones.

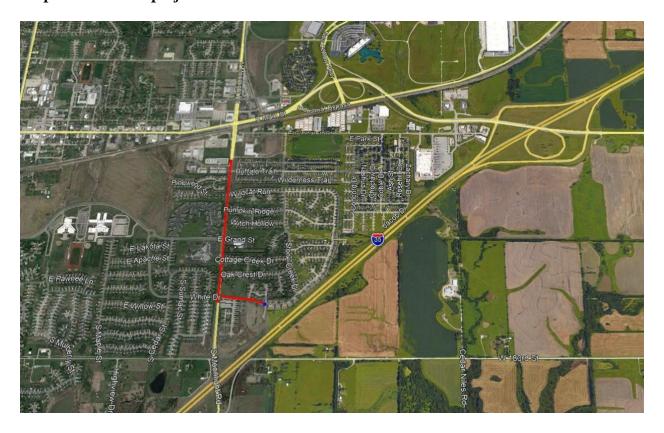
Work will occur 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The project is anticipated to be completed in late October.

MegaKC, of Kansas City, Mo., is the contractor for the \$481,000 project.

More information about the Kanas Safe Routes to School program is available at <a href="https://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burtrafficeng/sztoolbox/safe\_routes\_to\_school.asp">https://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burtrafficeng/sztoolbox/safe\_routes\_to\_school.asp</a>.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.

## Map below shows project location.



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